THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. Normally stores contracts are placed on fixed price basis for annual requirements. However, in exceptional cases of procurement of high value stores wherein significant variations in prices of inputs during the currency of contract is anticipated, a well defined and predetermined Price Variation Clause, with reference to base price of inputs, is incorporated.

(b) No, Sir. Even in exceptional cases as mentioned *vide* (a) above, due care is taken while incorporating the Price Variation Clause in the contract so that there is no possibility of manoeuvre by the suppliers.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Trains passing through Naxalite infested region

2193. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether special security measures are being taken to ensure safety of rail passengers and regular running of train proceeding from Delhi to West Bengal, Assam and other States in Eastern India, and passing through the Naxalite and crime-infested region of Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Railways are receiving effective cooperation from the States concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes Sir. Some measures have been introduced. Security of trains from sabotage and that of passengers are the primary responsibility of the State Govts. (GRP). Yet, Railways and RPF help out the State Govts, and GRP wherever and whenever required.

(b) In each Division, the Zonal Railways Committees have been formed to identify sections under threat, in consultation with the State Police, and introduce security patrolling of the tracks-as State Govt. is not in a position to perform this preventive measure. The State Govt. have been sensitized and, in a high level meeting, sharing of "actionable

intelligence" by the State Govts. and Intelligence agencies with RPF and Railways have been agreed to and all concerned have been instructed accodingly. Govt. Railway Police and State police have taken additional steps for preventing any untoward incident. In Assam, patrolling of tracks by Motor trolly with State police personnel has been introduced. During Bundhs/Agitations, patrolling of tracks with light engines is resorted to in affected areas.

(c) Yes, Sir. The State Chief Secretaries and DGs of Police have been requested in this connection.

Funding of projects by World Bank

2194. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has approached the World Bank for funding projects under the National Rail Vikas Yojana;

(b) if so, the names of the projects on which the World Bank is being asked to provide loans;

(c) whether the World Bank has examined the proposals of the Railways;

(d) if so, the total amount agreed upon; and

(e) by what time the same is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Railways plan to approach the World Bank through Ministry of Finance for funding of three Mega Bridges, namely Monghyr, Nirmali and Bogibeel, along with a few other projects under National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY).

(c) No, Sir. The propsals have not yet been examined by the World Bank. Only preliminary discussions have been held.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.